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3. Recently East Germany has attempted to initiate trade with Yugoslavia. 25X1
4. Serious raw material shortages, especially high-grade steel and rolled plate, have, however, hampered the export drive. Allegedly, also, a decrease in illegal imports since early 1954 has had an important effect on efforts to meet export goals. 25X1

Comment: East German officials are constantly being reminded that exports to "capitalistic" areas are politically motivated. To insure success in the trade offensive the East German government grants generous subsidies. Attempts to raise the hard currency income through exports appears to be of secondary importance. The primary emphasis is difficult to define but may concern attempts to get official recognition of the East German government.

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